IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> method for selling and arranging shipment of goods, <u>using over a network</u>, <u>wherein a seller computer operated by a seller and a buyer computer operated by a buyer are both connected to the network</u>, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving from a buyer at said seller computer an order sent from said buyer computer to buy said goods;

transmitting from said seller computer to said buyer computer, over said network, an option from said seller allowing presenting to said buyer to select either a buyer-preferred delivery option; and agency or a seller-preferred delivery agency;

sending a transmission from said buver computer to said seller computer indicating buyer selection of said buver-preferred delivery agency; and

in response to said buyer selecting said buyer-preferred delivery option, making said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: communicating, to said buyer's preferred delivery agency, shipping information regarding said goods, wherein said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: communicating, to said buyer, shipping information regarding said goods, wherein: said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency; and said buyer sends said shipping information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: communicating to said buyer the price of said goods, without added shipping costs.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: communicating from said seller to said buyer via said network, information to lead said buyer to select a certain delivery agency as said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: retrieving additional information, previously stored, regarding said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

7-17. (Canceled)

- 18. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving, via said network, information to arrange payment of shipping costs by said buyer to said buyer's preferred delivery agency,
- 19. (New) A computer program product for selling and arranging shipment of goods over a network, wherein a seller computer operated by a seller and a buyer computer operated by a buyer are both connected to the network, said computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving at said seller computer an order sent from said buyer computer to buy said goods;

second instructions for transmitting from said seller computer to said buyer computer, over said network, an option from said seller allowing said buyer to select either a buyer-preferred delivery agency or a seller-preferred delivery agency;

third instructions for sending a transmission from said buyer computer to said seller computer indicating buyer selection of said buyer-preferred delivery agency; and fourth instructions for responding to said buyer selecting said buyer-preferred delivery option, by making said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

- 20. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising:
 fifth instructions for communicating, to said buyer's preferred delivery agency,
 shipping information regarding said goods, wherein said shipping information includes an
 identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's
 preferred delivery agency.
- 21. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising: fifth instructions for communicating, to said buyer, shipping information regarding said goods, wherein: said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency; and said buyer sends said shipping information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 22. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising: fifth instructions for communicating to said buyer the price of said goods, without added shipping costs.
- 23. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising: fifth instructions for communicating from said seller to said buyer via said network, information to lead said buyer to select a certain delivery agency as said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 24. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising: fifth instructions for retrieving additional information, previously stored, regarding said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

- 25. (New) The computer program product of claim 19, further comprising: fifth instructions for receiving, via said network, information to arrange payment of shipping costs by said buyer to said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 26. (New) A computer system for selling and arranging shipment of goods over a network, said system comprising:

a seller computer connected to the network and operated by a seller; a buyer computer connected to the network and operated by a buyer, means for receiving at said seller computer an order sent from said buyer computer to buy said goods;

means for transmitting from said seller computer to said buyer computer an option from said seller allowing said buyer to select either a buyer-preferred delivery agency or a seller-preferred delivery agency;

means for sending a transmission from said buyer computer to said seller computer indicating buyer selection of said buyer-preferred delivery agency; and

means responsive to said buyer selecting said buyer-preferred delivery option, for making said goods available for pick-up by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising:

communicating, to said buyer's preferred delivery agency, shipping information regarding said goods, wherein said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

28. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising:

communicating, to said buyer, shipping information regarding said goods,

wherein:

said shipping information includes an identifier of said goods, and a time and a place for pick-up of said goods by said buyer's preferred delivery agency; and said buyer sends said shipping information to said buyer's preferred delivery agency.

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- 29. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising: communicating to said buyer the price of said goods, without added shipping costs.
- 30. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising: communicating from said seller to said buyer via said network, information to lead said buyer to select a certain delivery agency as said buyer's preferred delivery agency.
- 31. (New) The system of claim 26, further comprising: retrieving additional information, previously stored, regarding said buyer's preferred delivery agency.